

68th Conference on Exceptional Children – November 15 – 16, 2018

General Exceptional Children Conference:

The Exceptional Children Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, through its strategic plan, is committed to increasing the performance of students with disabilities, thereby enhancing their ability to graduate and achieve productive post-secondary outcomes. It is critical that all who have a stake in impacting the lives of our students – parents/families, special education teachers, related service personnel, psychologists, regular education teachers, administrators – collaborate to help them thrive each day and into the future.

The Exceptional Children Division is pleased to invite colleagues from across the state to join us for the 68th Annual Conference on Exceptional Children. This annual synergistic event is an opportunity to share and learn about innovations and exciting practices to help exceptional children achieve. Numerous enriching activities include:

- An uplifting Plenary Session with inspiring keynote presentation;
- 90+ informative Instructional Sessions covering the broad spectrum of exceptional children education;
- Educators of Excellence reception honoring outstanding North Carolina special educators;
- Poster Display of innovative programs and practices;
- School-Based Enterprise Bazaar showcasing products created and marketed by North Carolina Public School students with disabilities;
- Exhibitor/Vendor area that offers interactions with organizations and companies specializing in serving exceptional children.

Come be an integral part of this annual gathering in Greensboro of more than 3,000 professionals and parents, all working together to improve educational outcomes for all students!

More details on the General EC Conference sessions can be found under Registration at <https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/conferences-profdev/annual-conference>.

Pre-Conference Institutes

Institute #1

Title: Coaching Basics: How to Avoid the Implement and Abandon Cycle through Quality Coaching

Speaker(s): Carol Moffit, MEd & Laura Marsden, MEd

Session description:

Coaching is a vital element of the implementation drivers within implementation science. In this institute, we will examine the coaching basics for administrators, coaches, teachers, and service providers. Topics will include research that supports the effectiveness of coaching and the types of coaching as described by Joellen Killian's five models of coaching. Additionally, participants will have an opportunity to learn the basics of the coaching continuum including individual coaching, group coaching, and peer coaching with models of each. The fundamentals and importance of goal setting will also be addressed with teachers and student development in mind. Another key element will be feedback including types of feedback, the feedback loop and use of in-ear-technology as a means for

